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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SUZUKI, Junichiro, et al.

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For: FUEL HOSE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action dated May 16, 2006, in the above-identified application in view of the following detailed comments is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Smith et al in view of the patents to Lee et al and Kawazura et al. In making this rejection, it was asserted that the Smith et al patent teaches the entire hose as set forth in the noted claims with two exceptions. In particular, it was acknowledged that the Smith et al patent does not teach (1) a polyester resin having particles of a core-shell structure and (2) other layers of a polyester resin material.

However, it then was asserted that (1) the use of such particles in conjunction with